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# Successor to CIA Chief Dulles

## Poses Big Problem for Kennedy

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The selection of a new director for the supersecret Central Intelligence Agency is turning out to be one of President Kennedy's toughest problems.

Since the CIA directed the ill-fated Cuban invasion, the President has been tugged and pulled in opposite directions in picking a successor for CIA Director Allen Dulles.

One powerful faction within the administration wants the President to name a CIA head that will continue the policies and methods of intelligence gathering of Dulles.

Also, they are bitterly opposed to any over-all shake-up of the CIA.

Headed by McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President, and including Dulles and Walt Rostow, deputy to Bundy, this group is recommending:

Paul Nitze, undersecretary of defense for international affairs; Telford Taylor, prosecutor at the Nuremberg war criminal trials and a Reserve brigadier general now practicing law in New York; Fowler Hamilton, Wall Street lawyer and one-time Rhodes scholar, and Bundy.

UNTIL THIS WEEK, the President was all set to name Hamilton, a close friend of Adam Yarmolinsky, a special assistant to Defense Secretary McNamara, and one of the most powerful men in government today.

The Hamilton selection was shelved after a key Democrat in the Senate warned the President that the New York lawyer's nomination would touch off a bitter Senate confirmation battle. Hamilton has since been nominated by Kennedy for the post of administrator of the new Agency for International Development.

The Bundy-Dulles group is also proposing a promotion for Richard Bissell, the planner of the Cuban debacle. They are urging the President to name him to head up a special operations division within the CIA. This unit would handle a variety of unorthodox military operations, including guerrilla fighting.

THE OTHER GROUP, favoring a major shake-up in the CIA, is urging the President to pick Dulles' successor from one of the following Army generals:

Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau, chief of Army research and development and former Army G-2; Gen. Matthew Ridgway, former Army chief of staff and brilliantly successful commander of United Nations forces in Korea, and Gen. James Gavin, now ambassador to France.

This group consists of Gen. Maxwell Taylor, the President's military adviser; Gen. Alfred Gruenther, president of the American Red Cross; Sen. Henry Jackson, D., Wash., a close personal friend of the President; Acting

Speaker John McCormack, D., Mass.; Rep. George Miller, D., Calif., chairman of the House Space Committee, and Sen. Styles Bridges, R., N. H., chairman of the Senate GOP Policy Committee.

They argue that it is time that the bumbling and inept CIA be completely house cleaned and its worldwide intelligence operations greatly strengthened.

This group points out that either Generals Trudeau, Ridgway, or Gavin would be a natural, since 80 per cent of the CIA's "hard" intelligence on Russia and Communist China, the two major enemies of the U. S., now comes from the intelligence branches of the three military services.

On the other hand, the CIA spends on the average \$100 million a year — or more than four times the total amount of the three services — on intelligence operations with far less results.

TWICE, PRESIDENT KENNEDY in recent days has tried to talk his brother, Atty Gen. Robert Kennedy, into taking the top CIA job.

However, young Kennedy in recent days has told his brother that he believes he can be more useful to him in his present Cabinet post. He has recommended to the President that he either appoint Gen. Taylor or Deputy Atty. Gen. Byron White.

White, one-time All-American football star and World War II Navy intelligence officer, has indicated that he would be reluctant to accept the post and would do so only if the President insisted.

The White nomination, like Hamilton's, would meet strong opposition in the Senate, according to reliable congressional sources.

As for Gen. Maxwell Taylor, the President is very reluctant to let him go from the White House because of the role he is playing in military planning in the crises in Berlin and South Vietnam.

Note: President Kennedy is expected to announce shortly that the operations and information-gathering responsibilities of the Central Intelligence Agency are being separated. However, the two functions will still remain within the agency.

BEHIND THE SCENES — The Navy was thwarted in its attempt to recover the warheads of the two Soviet missiles launched into the central Pacific. The payloads of the Soviet rockets exploded when they hit the water. U. S. officials now believe that the Russians were testing out a new guidance system which they didn't want the U. S. to capture. . .

White House aides say they've got CIA documents to disprove former President Eisenhower's recent contention that his administration had no plans for a Cuban invasion, but won't use them unless the Republicans make an issue of it. . .

If the Kennedy administration has the documents, Eisenhower claims the CIA never ~~and~~ send the papers to the White House.



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